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Information for Career Specialists in Anderson, Oconee & Pickens Counties



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A note from your Regional Career Specialist:

It was great to see all of you at the Pendleton Regional Career Specialists Training at Tri County on October 27, 2009. We had some wonderful presentations from Upstate AHEC, Military Careers, Connect2Business, From Compliance to Excellence, and ITT Technical Institute.

Sherry Williams' presentation, From Compliance to Excellence, was a powerful presentation. She talked about the importance of being an advocate for yourself. Two important slides she shared with us:

- Despite deep budget cuts we can continue to model good career development programs for our fellow workers, students, parents, and others. Through our commitment to student success, others will be inspired to look past obstacles and to plan for the future. In order to be viewed as professionals by others we must model ethics, principles, inclusion, authenticity and appreciation
- Do people come to you for solutions or are you the problem?

 Do people see your opinion as valuable?
 Is your commitment to your position authentic?

 Do you model integrity, character and ethics?

 Are you on time for meetings?

 Do you stay for the meeting, listen, and contribute?

 Do you act in a professional manner with coworkers, students, businesses, and parents?

Career Specialists must create their own "personal branding"

For us to be successful at our jobs, we must brand ourselves. Our words and actions must be consistent. Thank you for all you do.

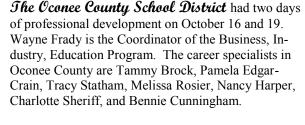
Robbie Tweito

Westside High School, in Anderson

Do you possess leadership traits?

District 5, has just moved into a brand new guidance wing. All of the counselors/career specialists have offices and a conference room is available. The career lab is in the guidance wing and has computers ready for students to complete career assessments, do college searches, write resumes, etc. The facility is beautiful!

The career specialist at Westside High School is Toni Evans. She is also one of the guidance counselors.



On October 16, the middle and high school employees went to the **Hamilton Career Center**. All of the employees were in one session with Mike Pearson, the director of the Hamilton Career Center. Then the employees visited three different classroom areas in the career center. About 260 high school teachers attended in the morning and 190 middle school teachers attended in the afternoon.

All elementary school employees participated in "Educator in Business & Industry Day" on October 19. 426 elementary school employees were placed in 30 businesses throughout Oconee County. Tom Conley, at Oconee Medical, took ten teachers on a tour through the new patient tower at the hospital and talked with them about the importance of math and science classes. John Powell of Powell Real Estate took eight teachers on a boat tour of homes on Lake Hartwell. Other teachers toured with Square D, Lift-Tek Mast, Oconee City Auditor's office, Economic Development office, Blue Ridge Electric, Duke Energy, and others. Duke Energy took 52 teachers to the Bad Creek Hydro plant and drove a bus 600 feet below the surface to view how the pump storage facility operates. They were also able to see a beautiful view of Lake Jocassee from the dam.

This was a wonderful opportunity for educators to be in the business/industry world. Oconee County has participated in this successful program for five years.



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List of Career Specialists by School District:

Anderson School District 1

Jill Cannon—Palmetto High
Jeff Boozer—Palmetto High
Ginger Bishop—Palmetto Middle
Lynn Walker—Palmetto Middle
LeAnn Sargent—Palmetto Middle
Ellen Olson—Powdersville Middle
Elaine Prarat—Wren High
Anna Farr—Wren High
Erin Wimberly—Wren Middle

Anderson School District 2

Kris Gilmer—BHP High

Gale Clinkscales—Belton Middle

Demika Patterson—Honea Path Middle

Anderson School District 3

Tracy Austin—Crescent High

Michelle Parnell—Starr-Iva Middle

Anderson School District 4
Teresa Horton—Pendleton High
Phil Young—Pendleton High
Roxanne Hibbs—Pendleton High
Marlyn Duncan—Riverside Middle
Teresa Evans—Riverside Middle

Anderson School District 5

Malura Shady—Lakeside Middle Kristeen Slice—McCants Middle Quaninette Latimer—Southwood Middle Robin Cathey—TL Hanna Toni Evans—Westside High

Oconee County

Tammy Brock—Seneca Middle
Pamela Edgar-Crain—Seneca High
Tracy Statham—Tamassee Salem
Melissa Rosier—Walhalla Middle
Nancy Harper—Walhalla High
Charlotte Sheriff—West-Oak Middle
Bennie Cunningham—West—Oak High

Pickens County

Jan Sparks—BJS Career Center David Rhyne—Daniel High Traci Carter—Daniel High Mary Beth Smith—Daniel High Paula Doolittle—Edwards Middle Kelly Finnegan—Edwards Middle Maria Thomas—Edwards Middle Kathy Porter—Easley High Brent Snipes—Easley High Chris Martin—Easley High Amy Moore—Easley High Lauren Blackston-Easley High Martha Baker-Gettys Middle Phyllis Adkins—Gettys Middle Binta Osbey—Gettys Middle Megan Giordani-Gettys Middle Ansley Cudd-Pickens High Barbara Gutwein—Pickens High Bethany Guiliano—Pickens High Larry Ayers—Pickens High Lynne Romanczuk—Pickens Middle Lydia Trotter—Pickens Middle Courtney Lilliston-Pickens Middle Mary Batson-Pickens Middle Karen West—Simpson Alternative Jessica Reeves—Dacusville Middle Deborah Dickerson—Dacusville Middle & Liberty Middle Angie Burgess-Liberty High Cherie Latham—Liberty High Katrena Wilkie-Libery High

Heather McKenzie—Liberty Middle

Joni Howard—Liberty Middle